

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, June 24, 2004
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room, 1st Floor
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: May 27, 2004**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

VII. Citizen's Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. MILPITAS SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

Background: Standing item for development update from Commissioner Grilli.

Recommendation: Note receipt and file.

2. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: a) Milpitas-to-Tsukuba Cultural Exchange, June 12 – 20, 2004: The Milpitas returned safely after enjoying a successful cultural exchange visit. Included in the agenda packet is the final itinerary.

b) Tsukuba Delegation Visit & Council Presentation, July 6: Chair Garcia is coordinating this one-day visit to Milpitas. A letter from Mayor Fujisawa to Mayor Esteves is included in the agenda packet.

c) Tsukuba-to-Milpitas Cultural Exchange, August 16 – 23, 2004: Vice Chair Arthur volunteered as the lead commissioner with Chair Garcia and Commissioner Iringan volunteering as subcommittee members.

Recommendation: a) Receive Chair Garcia's cultural exchange report; b) Discuss visit logistics and Council Presentation and provide direction to staff; c) Receive staff report, discuss planning and accept assignments.

3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Commissioner Grilli reported consideration of Fall 2004 student and cultural exchange to Milpitas and Spring 2005 student and cultural exchange to Huizhou at the last meeting. Staff forwarded a signed Memorandum of Understanding for Mayor Yebin's signature. This version required a title change. A two-year review period for report the City Council begins upon receipt of Mayor Yebin's signature.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss updated report. Note receipt and file.

4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Commissioner Iringan is working to confirm a possible visit from Mayor Lim.

Recommendation: Review and discuss information from Commissioner Iringan. Continue discussions to evaluate relationship activities and progress, due as a report to Council on or before April 15, 2005.

5. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: Commissioner Arefi noted an interest in researching possible sister city relationships in Europe.

Recommendation: Receive update and discuss next steps.

6. 2004 WORKPLAN REVIEW & UPDATE

Background: Commission activities were reviewed and brought up-to-date with volunteers for lead commissioners and subcommittees at the previous meeting. Updated version is included in the agenda packet.

Recommendation: Note receipt and file.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Milpitas Sister Cities Association Report
2. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - i. July 6, 2004 Mayor Fujisawa's visit to Milpitas (July)
 - ii. August 2004 Tsukuba-to-Milpitas Visit, Planning Session (July)
 - b. Dagupan City, Philippines (July)
 - c. Huizhou City, China (July)
3. European Sister City Research (July)
4. 2004 Work Plan Review (Upcoming Items, as needed)

XI. ADJOURNMENT